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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For:

INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS CONTROL METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims in accordance with the following:

- 15. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 8, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.
- 23. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the claims are amended to delete the multiple dependencies therein. No new matter is presented. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the following claims:

- 15. (ONCE AMENDED) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in [any one of claims 8 to 14] <u>claim 8</u>, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.
- 23. (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in [any of one of claims 16 to 22] <u>claim 16</u>, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.